The State of Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, geology and other earth sciences are fundamental to society; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences are integral to finding, developing, and conserving mineral, energy, and water resources needed for society; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences provide assistance in preparing for and mitigating natural hazards such as floods, landslides, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, sinkholes, and coastal erosion; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences are crucial to environmental and ecological issues ranging from water and air quality to waste disposal; and

WHEREAS, geological factors are vital to land management and land use decisions at local, state, regional, national, and international levels; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences contribute greatly to our understanding of nature;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 12-18, 2010, as

Earth Science Week

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 10th day of September, 2010

Governor Christine O. Gregoire